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MACULAR DEGENERATION AND PROMOTING HEALTHY VISION

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following sentence below the title:

This 371 application claims priority from PCT/US2004/041813 filed December 14, 2004, and United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/531,470 filed December 19, 2003.

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